

TOWN OF SEEKONK

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting – January 4, 2010

Present: Bill Rice, chair; John Alves, Dave Pinsonnault, Willit Mason, Richard Wallace, Mike Kreyssig, Susan Waddington
Absent: Jim Tusino, Ron Blum

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the Planning Board Room

Minutes of the December 7 meeting were approved.

Bill Rice reminded us of the importance of the Seekonk Master Plan currently being updated and asked that we keep in mind the strong relationship between the Master Plan and CPC actions.

Bill reported that Jennifer Goldson, a consultant specializing in CPA matters has offered to make a free presentation to our group. She will be invited to do this at our February 1 meeting. Ms. Goldson comes highly recommended by the Community Preservation Coalition – a written statement from that organization indicates that she is the only local consultant with a CPC specialty. Among the things we expect to find out are what she can do for us better than we can do on our own and the costs involved.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to establishing criteria for Recreation projects. During the discussion Willit asked what our timeline was for prospective applications. After some talk, we agreed that we should have criteria and the application process ready to present at the May Town Meeting and hopefully some projects to put forward at the November Town Meeting for residents to vote on.

Recreation is the category with the least amount of clarity and as part of the discussion we agreed that when our criteria and application process are ready for public distribution we will need to include definitions of important words. Maintenance being one of the most problematical. We can also include the “Determining project eligibility” chart furnished by the Community Preservation Coalition to help simplify things. We completed a draft of Recreation Criteria (attached) with the understanding that we will review and upgrade all of the criteria as necessary before a final draft is presented to the public.

Next meeting: February 1, 2010. Planning Bd. Room. Jennifer Goldson will be the main item of business. If time remains we will discuss General Criteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk